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Sir:

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For: A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SENDING MESSAGES IN A DATA **PROCESSING SYSTEM**

Enclosed are also:

Pages of Specification including an Abstract

Pages of Claims Sheet(s) of Drawings (Whormul) 9

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